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The Examiner has objected to the drawings. Submitted herewith are proposed drawing changes for the Examiner's approval.

The Examiner has indicated that Claim 4-5, 14-17, 21-22, 31-34, 38-39, and 48-51 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended the claims in such manner.

A notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 505-5100. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1351 (Order No.

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Respectfully submitted,

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